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IMMEDIATE RELEASE

## RABQSA and the Australian Government Cooperate on the Development of NGER Auditor Competencies

**Sydney, Australia;** RABQSA International Inc, (RABQSA) has commenced working with the Australian Government, Department of Climate Change (DCC) on the development of auditor competencies under the National Greenhouse and Energy Reporting Act 2007 (NGER) and the Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme (CPRS).

The DCC is convening a committee of the nation's key stakeholders from finance, sciences, legal, education and compliance that will assist RABQSA and DCC in the creation of specific knowledge and skill-based competencies; and personal attributes, for external auditors.

It is envisaged the competencies will be developed, approved and ready for distribution in April 2009.

"The ability to work with government and key stakeholders, and develop the competency requirements for personnel working with the NGER and CPRS, is an exciting opportunity for RABQSA to engage in the emerging climate change industry", stated Peter Holtmann, Vice President and Executive Director Certification Services, RABQSA.

"The outcome will be a uniform set of competencies that will ensure a consistent approach to the application of knowledge and auditing practice in this fast-growing field." He noted.

People wishing to gain further insight into the NGER and CPRS should source and review the National Greenhouse and Energy Reporting Act 2007 and Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme External Audit Consultation Paper October 2008.

For more information about RABQSA's involvement or the project outcomes please contact the RABQSA Sydney office on +61 2 4728 4600.

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